

schools, ten cent certificates, representing the price of a brick, which the smallest child may buy and then keep it as a souvenir.

Third, that cards representing fifty bricks, be presented to the churches, the bricks to be sold to any one in the community, separately or collectively, at ten cents each.

The work as represented by these three plans to be carried out by the president and secretary of the local sisters' society, and the treasurer of the same to take charge of the money thus earned, reporting the amount to Wm. M. Lyon, but holding it as a part of its local fund, until called for by the building committee of the Washington church. Sister M. C. Meyers, of Jones' Mill, state president of the S. S. C. E., was appointed to visit the churches of Pennsylvania in behalf of the Washington building. As I travel thru Ohio and Indiana I shall try to interest the church and Sunday school in the same.

Will not the raising of this fund bring our S. S. C. E. into more favorable recognition with those who are yet disinterested in the sisters' work and will (the church) not the church building stand as a monument to the efforts of the S. S. C. E.? We trust there is not a person in the brotherhood, man, woman or child, who can let this opportunity pass by without placing one brick, or a number of bricks, in the walls that shall adorn our nation's capital? It is time that the church that holds to the entire gospel-alone creed be represented with its own building in the city where every class of people in the United States can be found.

We want our Sunday school boys and girls to read this, and be prepared to respond when the call will be made. Begin to earn your dime now, and probably you'll like it so well that you'll want to earn three or four, and let the sisters also make a start on a larger scale.

From Pittsburg we went direct to the Ohio convention, in time to attend every session but the first two. One was at once impressed with the unity of spirit that prevailed to the very close of the convention. We were also pleased to see the time that was given to the interest of Ashland college, the theological chair in particular. A number of endowment pledges were taken.

On the following Tuesday evening the Louisville S. S. C. E. had a special meeting. They are keeping up the meetings remarkably well, and find ready sale for their work. Middlebranch gave us a good hearing Friday night and we remained over until Sunday, when we met with the Sunday school to enlist their help in the building of Washington church. Here and at Allentown, Pa., are the only places that we found a sister at the head of the school. This ought to be an indication of a prosperous S. S. C. E. Monday morning we left Middlebranch for the Homer church. Arriving at the station, Homer, we found to our chagrin, that the post office hadn't the same name and our card announcing the meeting had not been received.

The regular meeting of the sisters however, is tomorrow, where we expect to see most of them as their attendance here is good. Those we have talked with are very ready to carry out the "dollar plan." No doubt the brethren will be as ready, for the sisters here have the happy faculty of getting their husbands to accompany them to the meetings.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Homerville, Ohio.

Our Young People

In Gratia

LEWIS WORTHINGTON SMITH

Advance.

God of the prophet's voice of old,
God of the sword when justice calls,—
God of the love and care that fold;
Over the heart when silence falls:
Out of war's red, baptismal flame,
Take thou the glory, ours the shame;
Thine for the will to right all wrong,
Thine be the praise in speech and song.

God of the larger hope that sways,
Age after age, the nobler man;
God whom the sweep of time obeys,
Lord of the world-wide will and plan;
Thine be the thanks for peace and palm;
Hope is of thee in stress and calm.
Thine be the praise for purpose strong,
For strength and will and victor song.

God of the greater trust reposed,
God of the future, give us power
Not for self-profit; be imposed
Over us wisdom for each hour,
Building a better world, and still
Taking the task to meet thy will.
For the strength given and strength to be
Thine be our thanks, our praise, our plea.

A GOOD VACATION—Mark 6: 7, 12, 13, 30-32

Topic July 9.

The topic this week is intended to be timely for those who are contemplating a summer vacation from study or business or other work. Not every one can go off to some summer resort for a rest yet everyone who has regular hard work must have an occasional vacation or nature will in time give way under the strain. In this busy age the tendency is to crowd every week and every day of the week with work. It is no wonder that nervous diseases are increasing and that so many break down and go into early graves or become prematurely old.

If we look steadily at an object for some time it will fade from sight and all will become blank. Just so continued strain in any direction will cause a reaction. I believe that actually some have back slid because of continued intense exertion in religious work. We are not to be weary in well doing yet we are not to forget that the flesh is weak and then comes a time to go apart into the wilderness and rest even as the Master did. But rest does not necessarily mean idleness. Gladstone rested his mind by chopping wood. The farmer can rest by reading. All can find rest in devotion "alone with God."

Churches, Sunday-schools and young people's societies should arrange their work so that the workers can have an occasional change or absolute vacation without stopping the work. Satan has enough workers to keep his business going all the time and we must not give him the advantage over us by closing our church doors during the summer. All can have occasional rest and yet keep the Lord's work going.

SCRIPTURE HELP

1. Moses' laws provided for rest one day in seven, one whole year in seven and every fifty years for

two years in succession. Ex. 20: 9, 10; Lev. 25: 1-13.
2. Jesus weary, John 4: 6.
3. How Jesus sought rest, Mark 6: 31-35; Luke 9: 18; John 6: 15.
4. Paul weary, 2 Cor. 2: 27.
5. A source of strength, Isa. 40: 30, 31.
6. The spirit never to be weary, Gal 6: 9; Rev. 22: 5.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the object of a vacation?
2. How may we know when to take a vacation?
3. How can Christian workers rest and yet have the church work go on?
4. Who are some people who need vacations and yet seldom get them? How can they be helped?
5. How can one rest and yet not be idle?
6. What are some good things to do during vacation?
7. How can our society help people have proper vacations?

C. F. YODER.

Short Rules for Young Christians

1. Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that he hears your prayer. (Heb. 9: 4.)
2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that we are to speak and act upon what he says. I believe that all backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules. (John 5: 39.)
3. Never let the day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, "What am I doing for him?" (Matt. 5: 13-16.)

The Christian Life

Consolation

"And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21: 4.

All mortal joys must fade,
As flowers decay;
Each mourning heart has laid
Some hope away.

By every bliss on earth
There stands a fear:
The joyous smile of mirth
Conceals a tear.

Sad memories linger round
The happiest home,
And sorrows still are found
Whene'er we roam.

Man, in a world so frail,
Can'st thou be blest?
Where peace and comfort fail,
Is this thy rest?

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Soon will the morning break,
The night be o'er,
The earth's pale sleepers wake
On some bright shore.

'Mid heaven's resplendent throng
Their robes shall shine,
And love tune every song
To notes divine.

Dwellers in that fair land
Forget their fears,
And God with his own hand,
Dries all their tears.

—C. E. Lindsley, in *New York Observer*.